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School Committee Discusses Transportation Issues

By Edward J. Cooney

MILLBURY - A discussion on school bus transportation highlighted the December 6 School Committee meeting. Present for the discussion were School Committee Chairman Chet Hanratty and members Jane Pojani, Alan Marble, and Bruce Pease. Also present were Superintendent Dr. Alfred Sylvia, Acting Police Chief Ron Stokowski, Officer Ron Richards, John Lola, and Business Manager Sue Pierce.

Lola, owner of Lola School Bus Transportation, asked to go into executive session under Chapter 39, Section 23 B-P(2).

At the request of Pojani, Hanratty read the following section referred to by Lola: "To consider the discipline or dismissal of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against a public officer, employee, staff member or individual."

Pojani asked if Lola was a public employee.

Hanratty reread the section, indicating that Lola would come under the section, "public officer, employee, staff member or individual." "Specifically as an individual," Hanratty said.

This reporter challenged that interpretation and asked if Lola had been notified in writing by the School Committee of the specific charges or complaints, at least 48 hours prior to the proposed executive session. Hanratty asked Business Manager Sue Pierce if he was notified of his rights in writing. Pierce replied that he was notified verbally.

Stokowski said he did not believe the meeting was going to be a hearing of complaints against Lola but a discussion of the issue of bus safety.

"The issue could lead to dismissal of a contract with Mr. Lola if the committee considers such action as warranted," Hanratty said.

Pojani again questioned whether Lola could be considered a public employee. Hanratty said he thought Lola had a right under the law since he is under contract. "I feel the committee has to honor his request. It's up to the committee whether they approve that we go into executive session or not. We have to honor his request but do not have to grant it."

Hanratty then asked for a motion. Committeeman Bruce Pease said he would move for executive session as he considered Lola, being under contract, as acting as an agent of the School Committee which entitled him to executive session.

Hanratty then asked for a second to the motion. Since no second came from either Pojani or Committeeman Alan Marble, Hanratty stepped down from the chair to second Pease's motion. Pease polled each member on a roll call vote. The vote was tied, with Pojani and Marble voting against executive session and Hanratty and Pease voting in favor.

Because of the tie vote, the motion failed.

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Program Responds to Children's Need for Playmates

MILLBURY - Preschool children, ages 2 1/2 through 5 years, have been enjoying a play group offered at the Elmwood Street School. The group meets on Thursday and Friday mornings, from 9:30-11:30. Parents accompany the children and engage in networking with other parents while the children enjoy a morning of fun. So far, 60 children have attended.

The program was formed to meet a need expressed by many Millbury parents who stated that their children had no playmates in the neighborhood. The school is providing a meeting place for the play group to gather in an effort to encourage interactions among young children.

The play group was started as a pilot program for a five-week period. School Psychologist Linda Oroszko organized the group, but quickly turned the responsibilities over to parents. "I am thrilled with the response to this program," Oroszko said. "Not only have parents come forward to use the service, they have also taken over the running of the program. Parents have been volunteering to be in charge of each session; have donated toys; have helped set up and clean up the room; and have made suggestions for improvements. Parents are planning some special activities for the holiday season now."

The play group is scheduled to run through Friday, December 22nd. There is a possibility of extending the play group if parents continue to organize and run the program.

Sutton Students Visit State House

BOSTON - Members of the Sutton High School Senior Class were guests of Representative Richard T. Moore (D-Uxbridge) during a recent visit to the Massachusetts State House. The group is pictured here with Moore and Representative John R. Driscoll (R-Northbridge) on the Speaker's Rostrum in the Chamber of the House of Representatives.

The students were accompanied by David Muradian and Paul Henrickson of the Sutton High School Faculty.

Santa on the Common

MILLBURY - Brian Corey paid a visit to Santa on Saturday, December 9. He is the son of Bill and Nancy Corey of Millbury.

Santa visited the Common at the request of the Millbury Parks and Recreation Department.

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Another Point of View

WHO'S THE BOSS?

By Lawrence Moore

If there was someone in Massachusetts with the skill of Gary Trudeau, what a jolly time he would have doing a strip on our Governor, paralleling his ethereal depiction of our president. In his Doonesbury comic, Trudeau depicts George Bush as invisible. Our Governor is hardly invisible. He is singularly ineffective, insincere, insulting, inept, inconsistent, insensate, ill-advised, and blundering. To top it off, his conceit knows no bounds.

If he was a telephone, only his transmitter would work. His receiver simply does not function.

How else could we explain his continuing barrage of tax talk in the face of overwhelming evidence in the Legislature, in the press, and among people, that what is needed and wanted are budget cuts.

On December 4, Paul Tsongas and a group of business, labor and government leaders met with the governor to urge a "Fiscal Summit." On June 22nd, and again on September 14 in this column, I proposed putting together such a group. My suggestion was to the Republican party and to Mr. Shamie, the shadowy State Chairman.

In my article of December 7, written on December 1st, I proposed that the Governor take exactly that approach. To do that would have meant asserting his presence and assuming leadership in the taking on of a difficult and necessary job. He simply has neither the courage to attack distasteful needs (remember the campaign?) nor the wisdom to realize that to do what is needed for the people of the State will redound to his glory and approbation.

The point now is, why should it be Paul Tsongas who proposes such a summit? The approach is not new. How degrading it is for the governor to be approached by outsiders to do the job we are paying him to do.

We have to conclude either that he is unwilling or unable to do that which needs to be done. How fortunate we are that he did not become our president!

Cynically, it can be said that this fiscal summit could do that which neither the governor nor the legislature have the guts to do. In order to cut our budget, major purging of the State Administration is necessary. Departments, divisions, bureaus, officers and secretariats will have to be eliminated, consolidated or merged. The rank will have to go...not the file.

We have already threatened those who do the day in/day out work. Except for the Foley Legislative Research Bureau, I haven't read of any other patronage demise. Doing the job Paul Tsongas can do will reap the whirlwind of recrimination, name-calling and finger-pointing. But the governor, Keverian, Bulger, and our representatives and senators will be able to sit back and innocently proclaim their faithful devotion to the cause of the status quo.

All of this tom-foolery is further camouflaged by the proposed attack on the "Budget Busters" which account for 40% of the budget. In that 40% are Medicaid, health insurance and pensions. Why is there never a mention of the mystery accounts in the other 60%...those accounts that hide waste, duplication and patronage.

The posturing of the governor, Keverian, Bulger, and others who profess that "there is no more to be cut," reminds me of a quote of Charles B. Curtis in "A Commonplace Book:"..."Have you ever found yourself angry when someone lied to you? Not all of your anger was indignation at his lack of veracity. You are angered at his rudeness, for his lie carried with it a belief that you were a fool. The reason we hate a liar is not his immorality, but his gall in thinking we'd believe him."

How long before our elected officials realize that Massachusetts is in the shape it is because they have not done their job for us, but have defaulted on the trust we bestowed on them when they were elected. They have let the state run rampant and have not taken charge.

Who's the boss?

Calendar

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

MILLBURY - Engine Company #5 of the Millbury Fire Department will transport Santa Claus through the Dorothy Pond area, beginning at 5:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

MILLBURY - Engine Company #3 will bring Santa to the East Millbury area, beginning at 5:00 p.m.

SUTTON - The Sutton Historical Society will host a Christmas Tea from 2-4 p.m. at the General Rufus Putnam Hall in Sutton Center. All are welcome!

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20

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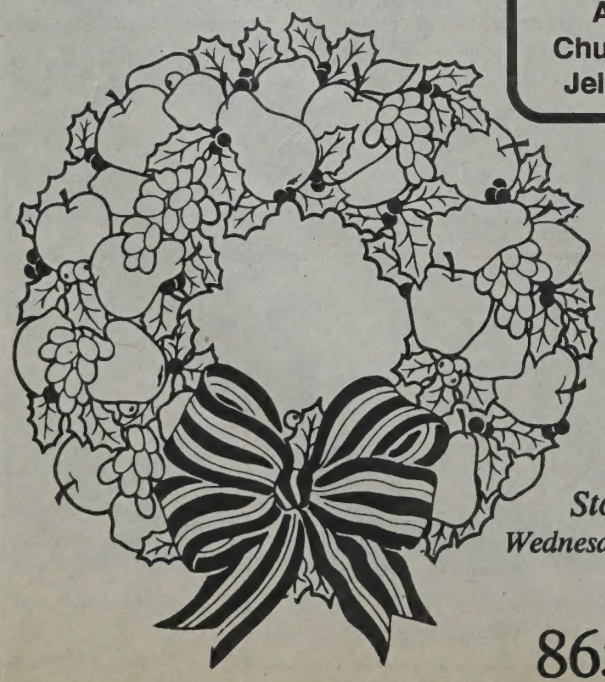

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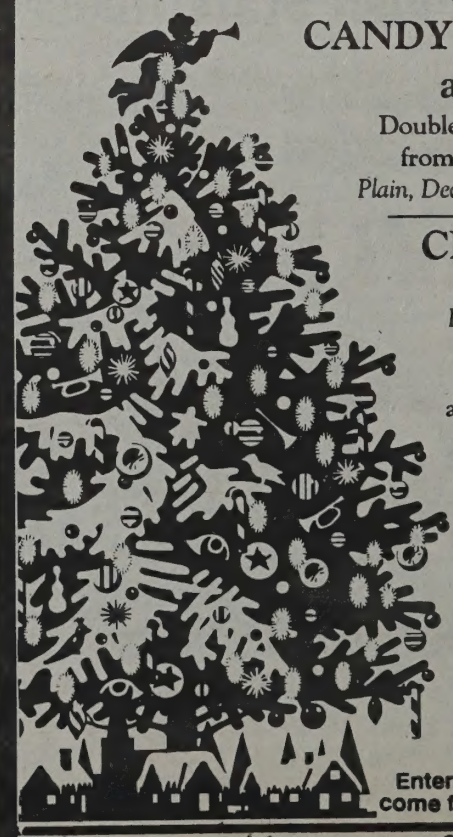

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Millbury Selectmen's Meeting Digest

Written Warning Follows Public Hearing

By Edward J. Cooney

MILLBURY - Chairman Jude Cristo called the December 5 meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Vouchers were signed and minutes for November 21 and 28 were approved. Administrative Assistant Earl Chase was not present and his weekly report was deferred until next week.

Police Business

At 7:04, Police Chief Ron Stokowski reminded the board of a matter brought before them some time ago concerning procedures for letters of reprimand. He said he wanted to remind the board that the issue should be discussed in the near future. Cristo suggested that he present some kind of a proposal or draft.

Stokowski then raised an issue relating to upcoming budgets. He said he received a letter from the Finance Committee stating that his maximum budget would have to be $855,000. Stokowski said it was his job to submit a budget to run the department.

Cristo replied, "They were telling you to cut 10.5% up front."

Stokowski reminded the board that three weeks ago he discussed the issue of whether the police department should or could take any cuts. He said that his budget last year, including the contract raises that were included in other articles, was $907,786. He said that his proposed budget of $981,000 as compared to the maximum of $855,000 does not compute to a cut of 10.5% but is more like 13% or $126,000. He suggested that the figures used by the finance committee did not reflect a true budget. "If we take a cut, how many patrolmen?" Stokowski asked. "We are now down to 19. A cut of $126,000 will mean cops or dispatchers."

Cristo suggested that would mean cutting five patrolmen. Stokowski said that would be about right, bringing the force down to 14. Cristo asked what impact that cut would have on security for the town.

"There would be no public security," Stokowski replied. "We may as well hang it up." He noted that the town has had 18 patrolmen since 1971.

Stokowski also noted that a cut in patrolmen would mean cuts in reimbursements as well as additional payments for time and a half for court appearances.

Cristo said the proposals of the finance committee hinge on level funding with a scenario that could be worse or better, depending on what the legislature does.

Stokowski said the Town of Millbury needs public safety. He also said that if the department has to absorb cuts, the department would revert to the 1950's.

Cristo then suggested two alternatives: going for an override or action by the legislators.

Stokowski then asked the board if they were in favor of cuts. "I'm not sure," Cristo replied. "I'm not in favor of that until we know what the rest of the pieces are of the pie."

Stokowski noted that he has to have his budget request ready for December 21st. Cristo suggested he submit one to operate the police department and/or the one the Finance Committee has requested. Stokowski replied that he would need the help of an accountant if he has to complete two separate budgets.

Bleau suggested that he adjust projections with salary increases.

Stokowski noted that the budget last year was impacted by $43,000 and this year the salary increases would impact at least $50,000 for a total budget of $981,855.

Cristo suggested that he develop both budgets. "You need a contingency. I don't think anyone wants to cut police officers. We have to wait and see what Beacon Hill will do. We are handcuffed. I don't know what else to tell you. I don't understand the 13% figure cut. You should clarify that with them (the Finance Committee)."

Stokowski then asked about the status of the Rte. 146 bridge and if a response was received from the State Department of Public Works.

Cristo said the board has not received an update from Earl Chase.

Stokowski then asked what was to be done with the position of an officer who is retiring. He said that the papers are in Boston awaiting approval . He noted that it was to be a retirement for which a medical disability was not job related.

Cristo said the board would make a determination to fill or not fill that position after approval from Boston is received.

Lachance asked why tankers are coming all the way up to Millbury when they are based in Upton. He was making reference to oil tankers exiting Rte. 146 at West Main Street and going though town.

Stokowski replied that he didn't know why, but confirmed that in many instances there are two tankers at a time and at night even more travel through downtown.

Lachance suggested that representatives from Senator Houston's office and Representative Kollios' office be asked to come in to discuss the issue of the bridge on 146. "We have to put a stop to this," he said.

Bleau asked if changing the four lanes over the bridge to two would help with the capacity load. Stokowski said it would probably lessen the load but could also present the potential for disasters with multiple car pile ups.

Lachance suggested that the State Police be asked to scale the trucks, saying that some trucks are exceeding their maximum 80,000 lb. capacity.

Transfer Station

The motors for the overhead doors at the Transfer Station have been installed. Cristo said that was a major item required to operate the station.

Public Hearing on Grafton Road Auto Repair

At 7:30 p.m., a public hearing was held concerning complaints against Grafton Road Auto Repair at 1460 Grafton Road, alleging violations of a Class II Permit to sell used cars.

Sworn in to give testimony were the owner of the property, Frank DiBaro, his son, Paul DiBaro, Building Inspector Rene Morin and Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman Richard Valentino.

Cristo called upon Morin to speak to the alleged violations. Morin began by testifying to a zoning violation relating to the parking of trucks.

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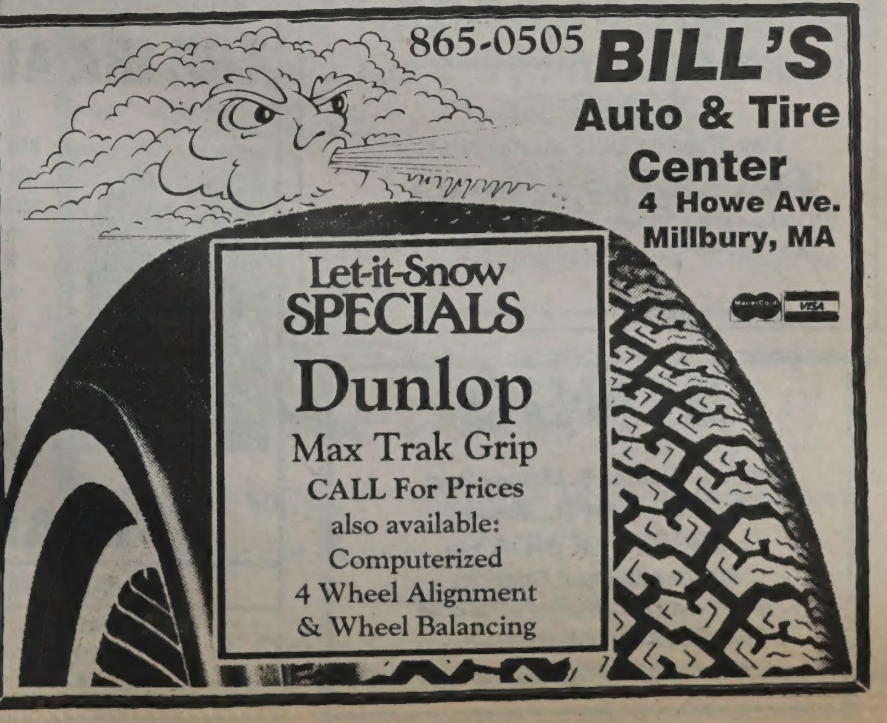

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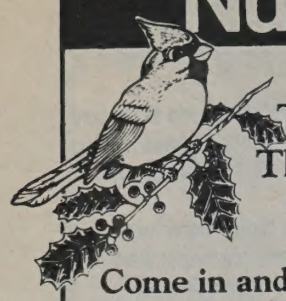

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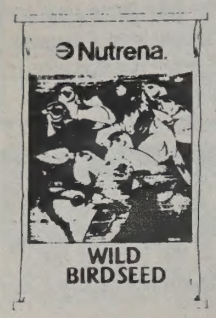

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Frank DiBaro challenged the allegation, saying it was not a violation, and told Cristo that the hearing was called for matters pertaining to a Class II license and not zoning violations. Morin withdrew and sat down.

Cristo then called upon Valentino to testify. Valentino said a Special Permit was issued as a variance, stipulating a limit of four autos at any one time to be shown for sale at the left front of the house as seen from Grafton Road.

According to Valentino, the ZBA has received complaints. He also said pictures were taken in September, 1989 showing violations such as a camper, a dump truck and a pick up truck for sale.

Cristo noted that conditions imposed as of January 26th, 1982, indicate that at the location at 1460 Grafton Road, four cars are allowed, with no cars to remain more than six months as per plan to be located on the left side of the existing building facing from Grafton Road.

Paul DiBaro maintained that a small truck weighs less than 12,000 lbs., and likened it to a car. He said the camper and a boat were his personal property and were not up front all the time.

Cristo asked Paul DiBaro if he sold pick ups or vans. "Yes," DiBaro replied, "when they come along."

Valentino noted that a reading of the requirements allows the sale of motor vehicles, except trucks. Cristo also said that the special permit states "no sale of trucks."

Frank DiBaro asked why, if the camper and truck were in violation, the building inspector had made no formal complaint. "I would have stopped it," he said. "It's not a violation until it's in writing. You say there has been continuous and repeated violations. Who complained? I was never notified. The law requires it be in writing. I had no visit from the building inspector or anyone else. I never got anything in writing."

DiBaro also argued that trucks parked on the side of the garage were not in violation because they are serviced daily and he has a right to repair trucks. "I have never seen the building inspector on my property," he said.

Lachance told DiBaro to read the first condition on the permit which indicates no more than four cars. "Trucks and campers are not a car - you understand that," said Lachance.

"They are close," Paul DiBaro replied. "A car and a pick up are the same thing. The trailer was in the front."

"You're a business," Cristo said.

"It's my trailer; it's my house," Paul DiBaro said. "The car in the driveway is my own."

"The area is reserved for cars only," Cristo said.

"I don't dispute that," Frank DiBaro said. "I agree. If (we were) in violation, why didn't the building inspector come down and say something. I would be glad to take them away. It's a technicality."

Selectman Donald Gauthier noted that the ZBA and the board of selectmen approved four unregistered cars. "Last year," Gauthier said, "you denied categorically that you had 4, 5, or six cars at one time. I have seen them," he said.

Gauthier then suggested that the cars in the rear being repaired were unregistered vehicles and said they should not be on the property.

Paul DiBaro remarked that the shop in the rear is an auto repair shop. He said he works on repairing cars for dealers which are not registered. He proceeded to show letters from several car dealers he does repair work for. "To say we can't fix them unless registered is ridiculous," he said.

Frank DiBaro indicated that the Class II license was different that the repair business. "The town took us to court, and the finding was there had been no change in use. There was no stipulation we could only repair registered cars," he said. He then said that, prior to their taking over the property, someone had run a repair business on the same location for years.

Donnelly suggested to DiBaro that he had not read all of the judge's decision. "Every year you are in here," he said. "Why aren't you a good neighbor?"

Frank DiBaro replied, "We have been harassed from day one. We have made it better. Boliver is behind it all. [DiBaro was referring to Leo Boliver who has repeatedly asked the board to take action on this issue.] He told us we could plate the whole thing in gold and he would fight us. I'm sick of this harassment," DiBaro said. "I have tried to work with them. Ninety-nine percent of the people up there are good friends; 99% except the one behind me (Boliver). There's been no letters of complaint except Boliver. I'm going to leave now and get an attorney if the Class II license if revoked," he said.

Paul DiBaro coaxed his father to stay.

"Listen to me," Donnelly said, "The Building Inspector and the ZBA are agents of the town. There's no sneaking around. They have a right to look at your property."

"I never saw them," Frank DiBaro said. "If they see me, I'll try to correct it. All he had to do is stop in; he didn't. The complaints have to be in writing."

Lachance asked if they were running a trucking business also. Paul DiBaro replied that they were, under Grafton Road Auto.

Cristo then explained, "The board has to make a determination if there was a violation and make a remedy by revoking the license, taking no action, or adding conditions if it is thought the board has the authority. The board has to determine a cause of action. I will entertain a motion based upon the information presented," he said.

Gauthier moved, saying there was no doubt a violation did occur. Lachance seconded the motion, indicating the pictures showed a violation.

The board voted 5-0 that a violation did occur.

Gauthier moved to revoke the Class II License.

Donnelly said he could not go along with that, and suggested a waiver or a suspension.

Bleau said he thought the town had done a "sloppy job," and said he did not feel comfortable with revoking the license. "There has not been formal documentation," he said.

Lachance said he wanted to rebut Bleau. "He (DiBaro) can read English. He has been reading us laws. A car is a car. A truck is a truck. A trailer is a trailer. If you can't understand what a car is, I feel sorry for you," he said to DiBaro. "I'll vote not to revoke. If you put anything up there but a car, you're out. Whether it is a private vehicle or not."

Lachance then moved to issue a written warning stating that only cars are allowed on the lot in question. "Anything else, that's it," he said.

The board unanimously endorsed Lachance's motion for a written warning.

"You understand," Cristo said to the DiBaros, "only cars in the designated area. No trucks, trailers or campers."

"I understand," Paul DiBaro replied. "It does not exclude a pick up. That's like a little car."

Cristo replied that the special permit does not allow trucks to be sold. "A car registered as a car. There's a difference between that and a pick up."

"We understand," Frank DiBaro said, "It's a technicality."

"It's no technicality," Lachance said, "it's a condition. There is no misunderstanding."

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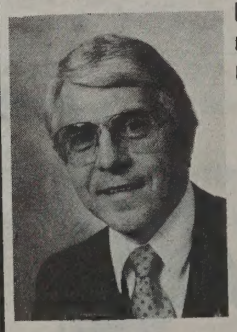

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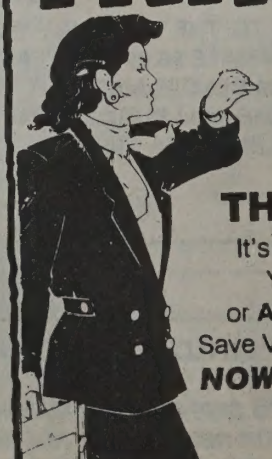

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CENTURY 21 King & King Agency Expands, Newest Agent Named

SUTTON - Beverly Sylvia has joined the growing sales staff at CENTURY 21 King & King in Sutton, and, according to the firm's Manager, Michael Jones, owners E. Perry King and Terry A. King have several more staffers to announce in the near future.

Sylvia has been in real estate for four years and is active in the Worcester Board of REALTORS. She holds a GRI designation (Graduate, REALTORS Institute), and serves clients and customers throughout many communities, including Millbury, Sutton, Auburn, Grafton and Worcester.

A Million Dollar Club member and Top Salesperson of the Month, Sylvia's community involvement as a 25-year resident of Millbury equips her with "more than a little information about residential property throughout the area," she said. In addition, she is able to offer an enhanced knowledge of the schools, very important to many homebuyers, since she has raised two children and is married to the Superintendent of the Millbury School Department, Dr. Alfred J. Sylvia.

Sylvia can be reached at CENTURY 21 King & King's offices at 188 Worcester Providence Turnpike, 865-0551.

MHS Business Club

MILLBURY - Donna M. Roe, Assistant Terminal Manager for Lomma Trucking Company, spoke to the Millbury High School Business Club at its monthly meeting on November 21. She is the mother of Kimberly Roe, a senior member of the Club.

Mrs. Roe discussed her duties in the office and made recommendations to the students about proper attitude and education. The club would like to thank Ken Calabro (Donna's boss) for allowing her to take time away from her job to speak to the group. In the near future, other guests will speak on topics such as stocks and bonds, and financing.

The Millbury High School Business Club is a school group organized by Donna Saucier. The club was formed to raise scholarship money for members of the club. Since it was formed, the Club has presented scholarships to several high school seniors.

SUTTON SENIOR NEWS

WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

MONDAY: all day doctor appointments (van). Crafts from 1-3 p.m.

TUESDAY: Pokeno, 10 a.m. Lunch at noon (Christmas dinner served December 19th). Special shopping, December 19th. C.O.A. meeting cancelled on December 19th.

WEDNESDAY: exercise at 11:00 a.m. Lunch at noon. Golden Age Meeting, 1:00 p.m. on December 20th. PM doctor appointments (van).

THURSDAY: grocery shopping for all (van). December 21st, Christmas Party in the High School Cafeteria (make reservations early). Oldest Citizen Award. **ORCHARD APARTMENTS:** Health Checks, 8-9:30 a.m.; Info/Ref, 10-11:00 a.m.

FRIDAY: lunch at noon. Blood pressures taken in the library from 12:30-1:00 p.m. Bowling in Webster at 1:15 p.m.

Save Those Receipts!

MILLBURY - The Raymond E. Shaw Middle School asks that shoppers save their receipts from Stop & Shop and Bradlees to assist the school in purchasing new computers. Receipts may be dropped off at any Millbury school or at the Town Clerk's office.

Bereaved Families to Meet

WORCESTER - The Worcester Chapter of Compassionate Friends invites bereaved families of children who have died to its monthly meeting on Tuesday, December 19, at 7:30 p.m. in the Stoddard Hall at the First Baptist Church, 111 Park Avenue. The annual Candle Light Ceremony will be held at this meeting.

TCF is a world-wide, self-help organization that offers understanding, sympathy, support and friendship to bereaved parents of all races and faiths.

Brothers and sisters of deceased children are also invited to attend TCF's Sibling Group on the same evening. For more information, contact Linda Casey at 839-6390.

What's the Difference?

By Pat O'Leary & Larry Ham

HOW TO PLAY: The answers to the two clues rhyme and the beginning consonant sounds are switched. For example: What's the difference between a neckwear fastener and a metal pan for baked desserts? One is a TIE PIN and the other is a PIE TIN. Sound counts, not spelling.

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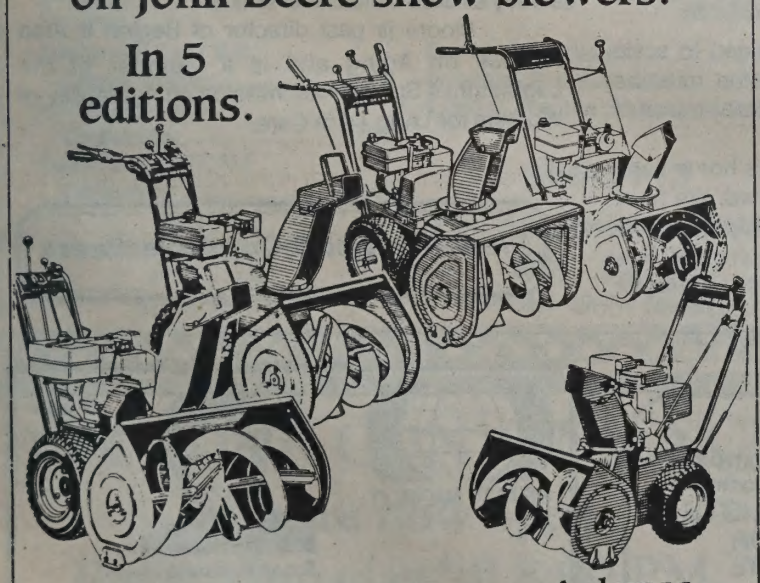

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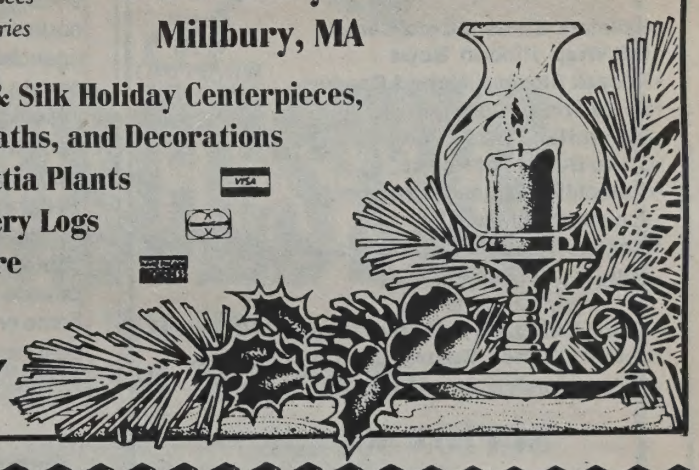

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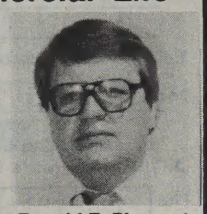

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Moore Offers Alternative to New Taxes

UXBRIDGE - As a Democratic who voted against the House Leadership's $1.2 billion tax package, Rep. Richard T. Moore (D-Uxbridge) recently proposed solutions to the State's budget crisis that do not include new taxes. Moore, a member of the House Ways and Means Committee and a former House Taxation Chairman, in a letter to his House colleagues, offered a series of non-tax alternatives to easing the fiscal crisis.

"Those of us who voted to reject the leadership's tax package have, in my opinion," Moore said, "an obligation to suggest other possible solutions, especially since the possibility of passage of any tax proposal this year is now substantially diminished."

Moore suggested the following steps:

- "The state work force must be reduced and state managers earning more than $30,000 a year must be asked to accept a five per cent pay cut now, and a salary freeze for fiscal 1991. Discussions to determine a plan regarding layoffs and/or salary reductions should be initiated with all bargaining units.
- Local Aid (assistance to cities and towns) will need to be level-funded at best, and perhaps reduced by five per cent for the 1991 fiscal year.
- The House-passed $370 million budget reduction bill must be promptly considered and enacted by the state Senate. While we await Senate action, the House should immediately begin agency by agency oversight hearings to insist on better management of limited resources. We should strive for further reductions wherever possible, especially if cuts can be made which do not seriously hurt direct services to our most vulnerable citizens. If the Dukakis Administration has not already done so, it should begin to move administratively to implement the House-passed budget reduction bill. Prompt action by the Administration will insure that spending in accounts targeted for reduction is consistent with expected reductions in appropriations. Failure to do so could result in a more severe impact on those programs slated for reductions in the budget reduction bill.
- Agencies, as well as all human service providers, must concentrate their limited funds on direct care and reduce expenditures for administration and real estate. The state and providers themselves must work together to bring what we call "07" as well as "03" accounts under control. Providers must be encouraged to actively solicit funds from other sources. The state should offer incentives for agencies which reduce administrative costs and raise private funds.
- Medicaid programs must be examined to scale back lower priority benefits. Every effort must be made to insure honest and effective administration of welfare accounts.
- Programs that save money, such as home care, should be maintained and strengthened. We must provide greater encouragement to keep people at home or with families, and out of nursing homes. This goal can be strengthened by providing tax credits for families with elders at home or for landlords who offer affordable rental housing to elders. While such efforts will not ease our current budget problems, they may help to reduce the growth in medicaid accounts."

According to Moore, "there are some early, encouraging signs that the deficit may not be as big as predicted or, at least, may not grow further." Moore cited a published report of a 4.2% revenue growth for the first five months of FY'90, rather than the 0.6% growth on which the deficit predictions are based. He also said that sales tax receipts based on a strong Fall on Cape Cod and reports of improved sales in December, statewide, appear promising. "I believe that a three to four percent growth in revenue may well be achieved," Moore said. "This figure is still lower than the growth rate on which the budget was predicated, thus requiring further, though potentially attainable, reductions."

Moore also said that any remaining deficit next June should be bonded and repaid through an extension of the temporary income tax that was established last summer to pay for past due medicaid bills. While he acknowledged that bonding of deficits is not the preferred fiscal policy, he explained, "Debt repayment of bonds which are tied to a dedicated revenue source was a policy that was successfully employed in the 1975 crisis to partially resolve the problem at that time. We employed it again this summer to pay past due medicaid bills."

Moore Honored for Service to Senior Citizens

NORTHBRIDGE - Representative Richard T. Moore (D-Uxbridge) received the First Annual George Wild Award for distinguished service to senior citizens presented by the Tri-Valley Elder Services Project Council. Moore was presented the award at the Project Council's Annual Meeting on December 4 at the Northbridge Senior Center.

The George Wild Award is named in honor of one of the first presidents of the Project Council who was a leader in developing a strong, active council of senior citizens for Tri-Valley Elder Services Nutrition Program.

Moore was cited as a strong advocate and tireless worker for senior citizens in Southern Worcester County and in the Legislature. Since 1979, he has organized and sponsored an annual Senior Citizens Conference which regularly attracts about 400 elders. He was instrumental in the Uxbridge Senior Center project and in gaining maxivans for several area councils on aging. Moore has also sponsored several pieces of legislation to benefit the elderly citizens of Massachusetts.

Moore is past director of Region II Area Agency on Aging and is a member of the Legislature's Special Commission on Availability of Workers for Long Term Care.

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Sutton Feeling Effects of Re-Routed Truck Traffic

By Terry Barnicle

SUTTON - All board members were present for the December 5 meeting.

Plowing of Private Ways

Chairman Rick LaBonte read a memo from Town Administrator Dexter Blois concerning the removal of snow and ice from private ways open to public use in the town. The memo noted that the town accepted a section of Massachusetts General Laws which allows for the removal of snow and ice "from such private ways within its limits and open to the public use as may be designated by the Board of Selectmen...."

Blois listed four roads which are not being plowed because they do not fit into the criteria and said that there may be extenuating circumstances which would allow them to be included on the list of streets to plow. The four roads are: Merrill Road, Burke Lane, Skye Line Drive, and Jamison Court.

The board voted to add the four to the list of streets to be plowed.

Following the reading of the letter, Jack Virgilio, owner of the Burnap Industrial Park, appeared before the board to discuss the plowing of the park. "It boils down to a case of liability," Virgilio said, "both on my behalf, of which I'm willing to accept my part as far as responsibility is concerned, and also the town because of the situation that exists as far as notification of a hazardous condition because of ice or snow or whatever."

Virgilio asked the board how he would be notified if a hazardous condition existed, such as the one that occurred on November 30 when a line of snow squalls coated area roads with ice. "All of a sudden everything froze up and there were cars all over 146," he said. "One section of it was closed off by the State Police for 2 and 1/2 hours. I didn't find out about this until the next morning."

Virgilio asked, "Where do our responsibilities (his and the Town's) meet and where do they end?" Virgilio said he did not have all the answers yet and asked to come back before the board when he does. "Maybe the town will have answers for me too then."

Virgilio also said he was asked by several of the people who own buildings in the park, "What if you don't get in here in time to plow the road and my building burns. Can I sue the town as well as you?"

Selectman Mike Chizy said it was his own personal feeling that it is the developer's responsibility to plow his roads. "Every year we run into the same problem with subdivisions," Chizy said. "and I think it's a shame when people buy a house in good faith, move into the town, and have to worry about how the roads are going to be plowed."

Traffic on Boston Road

During the Public Forum of the meeting, resident Bob Sanger addressed the board concerning truck traffic on Boston Road. "The oil tankers are coming down and going down old Providence Road, coming back at Tom's Variety", he said. "I've noticed an increase since that article was in the Chronicle. If you had ever had ideas of closing that road like you did Buttonwood Avenue, I think now is the time to do it, but don't delay."

LaBonte said the real solution is to have the state fix the bridge on 146 so that tankers will not have to get off either on Boston Road or in Millbury.

"Don't hold your breath waiting for that," Sanger said.

Blois will be contacting Earl Chase, Administrative Assistant to the Millbury Board of Selectmen, to discuss the matter.

Housing Partnership Agreement

Blois reported that Town Engineer Dick Wharton's only concern with the Housing Partnership Agreement was the way that the pricing was arrived at for the various stages. "It's too late now to do anything about it," Blois said, "but he (Wharton) said that he would have liked to have seen it on a cost per hour with an amount not to exceed, rather than a flat fee. But," Blois added, "they've already negotiated it and that's the way the housing partnership wants to do it, so it's a little late to make suggestions."

Sutton Peaking Project

The board received an update on the Sutton Peaking Project from Thomas R. Smith, Project Manager for J. Makowski Company, Inc. of Boston. The project is proposed as one or two natural gas-fired electric generating units, each approximately 85 megawatts (MW) in size. It would be developed, owned and operated by the Makowski Company in conjunction with Eastern Utilities Associates of West Bridgewater, Massachusetts.

The $25 million project would be located on a site adjacent to the intersection of Rte. 146 and Central turnpike in Sutton. The facility wold sell power directly to one or more area electric utilities when those companies are experiencing a "peak" level of demand for electricity. The project would not operate around the clock and instead be called upon by the utilities on an occasional, as needed basis.

J. Makowski Company and Eastern Utilities Associates are presently conducting a feasibility study of the proposed project. The decision to move forward with the project is expected by mid 1990.

The project would utilize 85 MW electric generator units knows as combustion turbines. These turbines have been in use by electric companies for over 25 years.

The report stated that construction at the site would be "modest" as the units come mounted on a fabricated steel base and require a simple flat concrete foundation. The facility would be operational approximately three months after the delivery of the generating equipment to the site.

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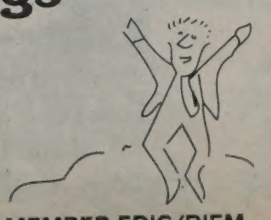

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From My Window on Farnsworth Court

By "Pastor Rae" Cameron

At the last meeting of the Millbury/Sutton (or maybe it is the Sutton/Millbury) Ecumenical Council, yours truly volunteered to be the President of this organization. It is a wonderful group of minsters and priests who meet monthly to discuss issues of mutual interest and to plan programs and projects that we can do together.

It is my vision to do more and more things together involving the various churches of our communities. The little campfire ditty "the more we get together the happier we'll be," is not only true, but has the blessing of our Lord Jesus Christ who prayed that we might all be one.

There is a week in January called, "The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity" (January 18-25). While I was pastor of the Union Church of Lavallette, New Jersey, we held a service every night for eight nights. Besides my church, there was a Roman Catholic and a Lutheran Church, and we had a tremendous time together. The first night, there were over 500 people and every night saw each of the churches filled to capacity.

We are planning on a Sunday evening service at the Millbury Baptist Church on January 21st, at 6:30 p.m. with the Reverend Richard Hennigar of the Worcester County Ecumenical Council as the preacher. We are going to ask various laypersons from our churches to do the program. It is hoped that this will be the first of many such programs, but the outcome of this one will determine our efforts for others.

From my window on Farnsworth Court, I can look on the lovely Christmas decorations on our Common. Many thanks to those who are responsible for this as it is a real blessing. As the song goes, "It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas." May, with all of this, you be brought closer to the One who was The Babe of Bethlehem's manger and Who longs to be born into your heart and life. What a wonderful time of year for you to begin the habit of regular church attendance. Amen.

Moore Doubts Dukakis' Deficit Claims

BOSTON - Governor Michael Dukakis' Revenue Advisory Board contends that the State's budget deficit is now more than $850 million. But, Rep. Richard T. Moore (D-Uxbridge) openly admits his skepticism with the Administration's deficit numbers. "Projections by the Governor's Advisory Board have historically been wrong," says Moore. "Yet we, the Legislature, continue to talk about a deficit based on that board's predictions."

Moore and Rep. William Nagle, Jr. (D-Northampton) sponsored an Order requesting the Commissioner of the Department of Revenue to compile a certified accounting of all monies collected by the Commonwealth during the first five months of the current fiscal year. The order, which was approved unanimously, requires identification of all revenue sources, along with a financial comparison of the same period in FY'89. The order requested that the data be submitted to the House and Senate no later than Monday, December 11.

Moore, the former House Chairman of the Legislative Committee on Taxation, scoffs at the idea of raising taxes when the actual size of the deficit is unclear. "It is essential to establish a revenue growth rate and a deficit estimate that is believable and based on fact," Moore said. In a letter to his House colleagues, Moore pointed to a recently published report that suggest a 4.2% growth rate...much brighter than the Administration's 0.6% growth figure, on which the $850 million deficit is based.

Moore insists that if the Senate approves the $350 million in cuts already passed by the House, and follows the advice of several lawmakers by cutting an additional $100 million-$200 million, then the deficit could shrink to approximately $250 million. "Such a figure is far more manageable than the numbers being tossed about by the Administration," Moore says.

Moore predicts that any tax package, or other deficit reduction plan, will fail unless accurate and verifiable numbers are made available. "It's time for some straight talk from the Administration," argues Moore. "The program we face in Massachusetts today is more than just a fiscal crisis. It is a crisis of confidence in government itself."

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Tot Lot

At 8:15, the board met with Town Planner Dave Hulseberg, Mark Strom, and Mike West, to discuss the use of town land off MacArthur Drive. The area is comprised of two parcels, one bordering Dorothy Pond, donated by Oliver Perry to be called Oliver Perry Park. Hulseberg told the board that the residents of the area want to make a tot-lot with play equipment and possibly a basketball court. He indicated they would raise $10,000 from private sources.

Strom presented a petition signed by 69 residents, requesting consent to use the land.

In response to a question from Lachance, Hulseberg said the town would be liable for the park. He also explained that people would clean it up and utilize it as a park with the Parks Department ultimately controlling it.

Happy Erickson, Chairman of the Parks Department, said his department has no objections as long as the people involved work with the Parks Department.

Cristo asked if the Parks Department would maintain it. Erickson indicated that they would.

Lachance asked where the beach was. Hulseberg replied that it was down off the road and consisted of a 1/2 acre parcel. Lachance asked if there was any thought of developing it. Strom noted that nothing has been done but it had been talked about. Lachance asked if it could be developed for children. Hulseberg said there was 100' frontage (on the water) with no access to parking.

Montgomery Drive resident Rod MacDonald, said he was speaking for himself and several others in opposing the plan. He said there could be problems as the land drops off 50' back. He also said there were concerns over the potential for noise and people hanging out in the area at night.

Cristo asked Erickson how that issue would be dealt with. Erickson replied that experience shows that hanging out in parks is next to zero as the police department checks the parks and they are lit. He said that since it would be a tot-lot, he didn't see that as being a problem. "If we receive complaints from neighbors near our parks we work with them to resolve the concerns," said Erickson.

Gauthier asked if there would be posted times. Erickson replied there would be. "If anyone hangs around, the police ask them to move along."

MacArthur Drive resident Mike West noted that the street was narrow and the kids wouldn't have a "prayer" if they were in the street. He also said the area is isolated and youngsters would be watched by their parents.

Cristo noted that the board would have to find out if it would be required to go to town meeting to convey it to the parks department. "We have to find that out," he said.

Donnelly asked if a legal deed of the property had been transferred to the town. Hulseberg said it would have to be checked but it does appear on the plot plan. He also said it was tax titled property 20 years go. "If tax title, that's a different thing," Donnelly said.

The board voted 5-0 to support the proposal for a tot lot at Oliver Perry Park on MacArthur Drive.

Lachance then asked Erickson to look into a light located at the East Millbury Playground which shines into a neighbor's yard. Erickson took the name and number of the complainant and said he would contact the individual immediately.

Dog Officer's Salary

At 8:30, the board met with Dog Officer George Royal, who said he was present to seek a raise in salary up to $10,000 per year. He noted that he was getting $9,500 now at a rate of under $7.00 per hour. The board approved on a 5-0 vote. Cristo told Royal he must still go to the personnel board and the Finance Committee.

Winter Parking Ban

Bleau raised an issue concerning the winter parking ban downtown, which he said is hurting several business who open around three or four a.m. He asked that cars not be ticketed in the early morning hours at businesses that are open, unless there is a snow problem.

Cristo said it would have to be looked into, and Donnelly said he hoped the police would use common sense.

Donnelly also repeated his concern that cars be ticketed that are parking on the crosswalk at Elm and Main Street near O.T.B. news.

License Suspension

At 8:45, the board discussed a request to allow Clearview Country Club to open a day earlier than their suspension indicates as the Lions Club is scheduled for a party on the final day of the suspension. Gauthier noted that the license was turned in to the selectman's office a day earlier than required.

Board members said they had no problem with the request as long as the seven day period is covered. The board approved the request on a 4-0 vote. Cristo abstained as he is a member of the Lions Club.

Miscellaneous

- A request for signatures on a change of manager for Roberts Package Store by new owner Melvin Liebowitz was approved on a 5-0 vote.
- A liquor license renewal application for the New China Garden Restaurant was also approved 5-0.
- The board was informed that Solid Waste Advisory Committee member George D'Auteuil was voted to the Ad Hoc Committee.
- Lachance asked that a letter be sent to Senator Houston and Representative Kollios asking that they come before the board prepared to answer questions on why and how the state has gotten itself in the fiscal mess it is presently in. He also said he wants to know what the legislature is doing about the situation.
- The board approved a Board of Health request for use of town counsel for potential litigation at the landfill.

Executive Session

At 9:20, the board met with members of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee. Cristo said that there would be discussion about the solid waste agreement which could last about 45 minutes. "We will be possibly re-looking at it as to possible changes with that (agreement with Wheelabrator).

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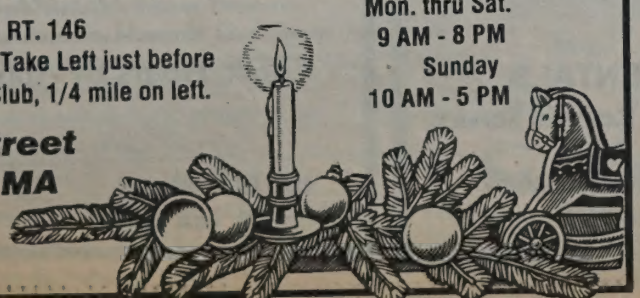

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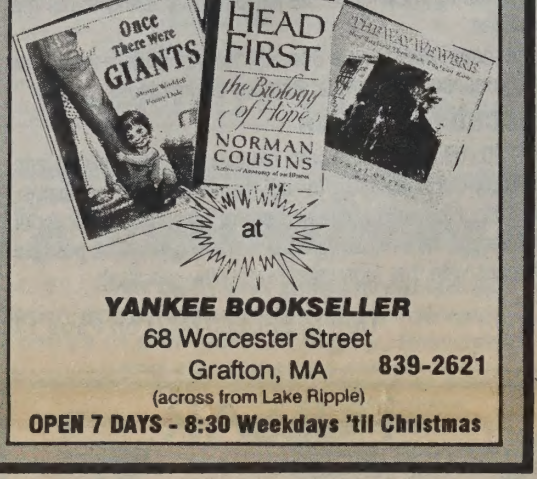

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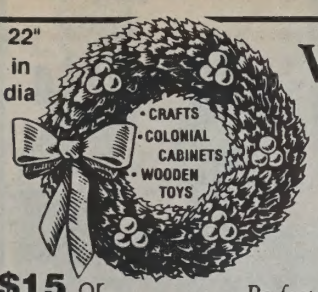

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On The Shelf

By Elaine Loehmann, Children's Librarian

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What I'm going to say;
Christmas Eve is coming soon;
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BOARD BOOKS FOR THE VERY YOUNG

SITTING IN MY HIGH CHAIR - WALKING - TODAY I TOOK MY DIAPERS OFF - TICKLY TODDLE - DON'T WASH MY BLANKET - I'M A CRAZY MONSTER, by Hap Palmer, $3.95 each. These board books may be used alone or in conjunction with the highly praised video "Baby Songs," also by Hap Palmer.

Picture Books for Preschool to Grade 1

I've chosen a couple that are terrific read-aloud books. The Aesop book could even be shared with older children.

ALFIE AND ANNIE ROSE STORY BOOK by Shirley Hughes, $15.95. An engaging book filled with stories about the everyday occurrences and the special occasions that happen in the life of pre-schooler Alfie and his baby sister Annie Rose.

AESOP'S FABLES illustrated by Fulvio Testa, $12.95. Colorful illustrations accompany 20 stories, including the familiar "The Fox and the Grapes," "The Tortoise and the Hare," and "The Lion and the Mouse."

CHESTER'S WAY by Kevin Henkes, $11.95. Younger children will relate to Chester, who likes things HIS way. Here, Chester and Wilson do everything their way - the best way - until Lilly moves to the neighborhood.

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EASY READERS

AMELIA BEDELIA'S FAMILY ALBUM by Peggy Parish, $11.95. The inimitable Amelia describes what her relatives do. There's Cousin Clara, the bookkeeper, who's not good with numbers and never returns a book. Librarians, beware!

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BOOKS FOR OLDER READERS

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DAGMAR SCHULZ AND THE ANGEL EDNA by Lynn Hall, $11.95. The current title in a series about the irrepressible Dagmar and her comic adventures in a small town. This time, she must deal with her guardian angel who is very old-fashioned. In fact, Edna has a strict "no boyfriends" rule for thirteen year olds. Although this story can stand by itself, you might want to pick up other titles in the series that include *DAGMAR SCHULTZ AND THE POWER OF DARKNESS* and *THE SECRET LIFE OF DAGMAR SCHULTZ.*

NONSTOP NONSENSE by Margaret Mahy, $12.95. A collection of outrageous poems and absurd stories accompanied by the whimsical illustrations of Quentin Blake. Included is the tale of the cat that ate a poetical mouse and now spouts rhymes of his own:

"Lying in the catnip bed,
The flowering cherry overhead,
Am I really the cat that I seem?
Or only a cat in another cat's dream?

NONFICTION

Sometimes if you can't capture someone's interest with a well-told story, you can score with a book of fascinating facts.

TOPS: BUILDING AND EXPERIMENTING WITH SPINNING TOYS by Bernie Zubrowski, $11.95 hardcover; $6.96 paperback.This is a Boston Children's Museum Activity Book. It covers tops to yo-yos to gyroscopes, both how they work and how to make them.

I saved the best (and most expensive) for the last item on this list.

THE WAY THINGS WORK by David Macauley, $29.95. I defy anyone to browse through this compendium and not say, "I always wondered how that worked." From levers to lasers, from cars to computers, it has everything you always wanted to know but were afraid to ask about machines. My eight year old didn't want the review copy to leave our house. My husband particularly liked the explanation of the automatic transmission and the differential. And I, who have "machine-a-phobia", can now competently explain how a laser works. This is a book for the entire family!

PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

COOKIE EXCHANGE, Wednesday, December 20, 3:30 p.m. Bakers unite in our third annual cookie swap. Bring one dozen (per participant) of homemade cookies and receive an assortment of cookies in exchange. While holiday helpers are making the "swap," youngsters are invited to watch a video classic. Registration starts on December 13.

LIBRARY HOURS: Tuesday through Thursday, 10-8; Friday, 10-6; Saturday, 10-1. Telephone: 865-1181.

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The project would be fully automated, and the facility would be controlled by the dispatching center of the New England Power Pool.

The project would be designed to burn natural gas that would be delivered via the existing Tennessee Gas Pipeline that traverses the proposed site. "This gas is the same as that used by homeowners and businesses for cooking, heating and other uses," the report stated. The project would also be equipped to use No. hearing oil (home heating oil) during periods when natural gas is not available.

The project would be located on approximately 12 acres of land at the northeast corner of the intersection of Rte. 146 and Central Turnpike. This land is presently held under option by the project. The site is presently traversed by the Tennessee Gas Pipeline and electric transmission lines of the New England Electric System. The project would use each of these existing energy facilities for fuel delivery and electricity sales, respectively.

According to the report, the overall size of the generating unit is approximately 20' x 140', and can be "signed and landscaped to be compatible with a rural neighborhood."

The report also maintained that, "Because natural gas is the cleanest of the fossil fuels, the project has the least environmental impact on air quality relative to other options for peaking power. The Project will be designed to meet all state and federal air quality requirements. The project will also be designed to meet Massachusetts' strict requirement concerning noise at the property boundary. As a result, the project will have no discernable increase in ambient noise level at the plant boundary."

One of the areas of concentration in the feasibility study will be water requirements. The facility will require approximately 200 gallons per minute during the hours the plant is operating. This water is expected to be obtained from on site wells.

The value of each unit is expected to be approximately $25 million. "The project would be a significant addition to the tax base of the Town of Sutton," the report stated.

Aroun' The Town & Golden Agers Update

By Lillian C. Sheehan

Yes, it's beginning to look a lot like Christmas, what with the Common all brightly decorated with Christmas lights and the Creche being prepared for its occupants - and music, whatever happened to the soft strains of Silent Night and some other beautiful Christmas carols. Christmas is a happy time but it is also a Holy time - let us all enjoy it!

CENTERVIEW APARTMENTS: the tenants were treated to a special program put on by the Camp Fire Girls under the direction of Barbara O'Connell, accompanied by our very talented Fred Bowen on his keyboard. The carols they sang put everyone in a holiday mood. On behalf of the Tenants, we thank them for their nice performance!

COLONIAL APARTMENTS: Alma Ethier, Chairwoman for the Tenant's Association, wishes to convey their sincere thanks to the Lions Club for the delicious Spaghetti and Meatball supper which they prepared and served to them last week. Also for having Butch and Maeve for entertainment. They all enjoyed the evening thoroughly and are most grateful to the Lions Club! Every person residing at Colonial Apartments, including the tenants of the Congregate Housing, were invited and attended.

The officers recently elected were of the Club, which is a separate organization within the Tenant's Association.

WIT AND WISDOM

- Better to do a little well than a great deal badly.
- We can do anything we want to do if we stick to it long enough.
- It is difficult to live in the present, ridiculous to live in the future, and impossible to live in the past.
- What happens seldom bothers us half so much as what might happen.

Notice

MILLBURY - Due to the Christmas Holiday, the Millbury Planning Board will not hold its regularly scheduled bi-monthly meeting on December 25, 1989. The next meeting will be held on January 8, 1990.

Turkey Raffle Winners

SUTTON - The winners of the annual turkey raffle sponsored by the Sutton Camp Fire on November 18 at the Sutton Elementary School were as follows: 1st place, Sheila Newhall; 2nd place, Kristen Small; 3rd place, Mary Montecalvo. All winners were from Sutton. The raffle drawing box was crafted by Nancy Perry's 5th grade Camp Fire youngsters.

The turkeys were donated by Guaranteed Builders of East Douglas, Goretti Supermarket of Millbury, and the Sutton Campfire.

Cookie Exchange (Mmmmm!)

MILLBURY - The Millbury Public Library, 128 Elm Street, will hold its third annual cookie exchange on December 20 at 3:30 p.m.

To be a part of the action, all you have to do is bring in one dozen (per participant) of homemade cookies and receive an assortment of cookies in exchange. While Holiday helpers are making the "swap," youngsters are invited to watch a video classic.

Registration starts on December 13. To register, call 865-1181.

Flu Vaccine Available

MILLBURY - The Millbury Board of Health and District Nursing Society have been able to obtain additional flu vaccine and are making it available to anyone who missed the first clinic. Anyone interested should call the Millbury Board of Health office at 865-4721 for more information.

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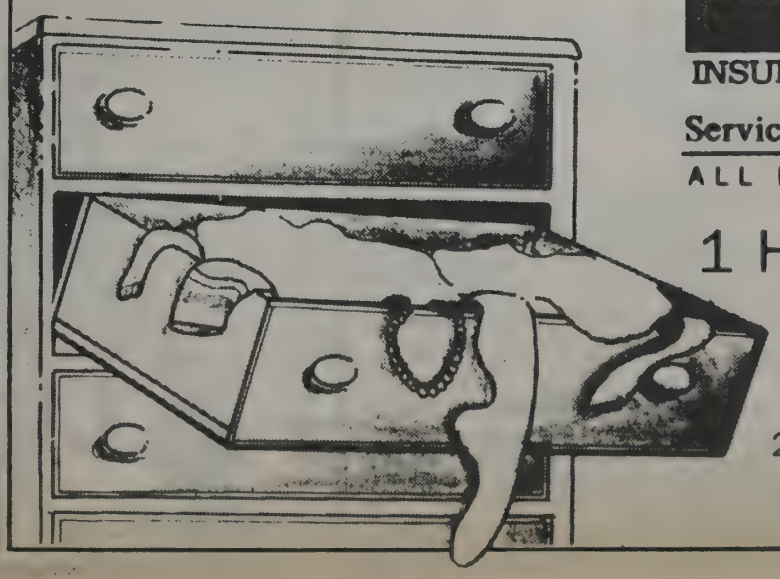

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THURSDAY: Hot Turkey Sandwich, French Fries, Peas, Cranberry Sauce, Cake
FRIDAY: Cheese OR Pepperoni Pizza, French Fries, Tossed Salad

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WEDNESDAY: Hot Dog on a Roll, Baked Beans, French Fries, Jello/Topping
THURSDAY: Turkey & Gravy, Mashed Potatos, Peas, Cranberry Sauce, Pan Roll/Butter, Cake
FRIDAY: Juice, Stuffed Shells/Sauce OR Pizza, Green Beans, French Bread/Butter, Ice Cream

Worcester Girls Club Holiday Vacation Plans

WORCESTER - The Worcester Girls Club will offer programs for girls in grades K-12 and boys in grades K-6 during the upcoming school vacation.

The four day program will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Tuesday, December 26, through Friday, December 29. The cost is $20.00 per child, which includes a trip on Thursday, December 28, to "Roll on America" in Leominster. An "extended day" is available from 7:30-9:30 a.m. and from 3:30-5:30 p.m. for an additional charge. Call Winthrop House (755-9525) or Lincoln House (752-6075) for details. Children should bring a lunch and beverage daily. Space is limited, so interested persons should register by Saturday, December 16.

Below are the specific program highlights.

LINCOLN HOUSE: Tuesday, December 26, "Popcorn at the Movies, 1:30 p.m.; Wednesday, December 27, "Winter Olympics & Sculpture Contest" at 1:30 p.m.; Thursday, December 28, all club trip to "Roll on America" rollerskating arena, 11:00-3:30; Friday, December 29, Happy New Year's Party, 1:30 p.m.

WINTHROP HOUSE: Children will participate in swimming, crafts, cooking and games daily. Thursday, December 28, all club trip to "Roll on America" rollerskating arena, 11:00-3:30; Friday, December 29, Happy New Year's Party, 2:00 p.m.

Sutton Men's Bowling League

(a fun league with ages from 17 to 84 and averages from 49 to 106!)

SUTTON - The Sutton Men's Bowling League meets on Wednesday nights at 8:15 at Mohegan Alleys in Webster. Visitors or "subs" are always welcome.

At the last game, Mike Wolk rolled a new High Single of 145, and Bill Jones still holds the High Triple of 360.

Two teams are leading with 40 points each: Team #3, Gvazdauskas, Captain; Team #4, Ricky King, Captain.

With only 12 nights bowled out of 30, there is plenty of time for change in the leadership.

Peer Education

MILLBURY - Millbury High School has recently instituted a new program in Peer Education. Students in the Peer Education group have received specialized training and will provide 6th graders at Shaw Middle School with an assembly program on December 14th. The program will be aimed at drug and alcohol abuse prevention. The Improbable Players, a group of recovering alcoholics and drug addicts, will do several skits, a puppet show, and use drama in a number of ways to bring their anti-drug message to students.

For more information on this program, call Gary Robinson, Peer Group Advisor at Millbury High School at 865-5841 or Shaw Middle School Principal Frank Rogers at 865-3541.

Challenge Group for Widows and Widowers

WORCESTER - "Challenge," a group for Widows and Widowers, will hold its monthly meeting on December 15 at 6:30 p.m. at the United Congregational Church, 6 Institute Road. This is the annual Christmas party and a Pot Luck Supper will follow the meeting. Guests are welcome.

Volleyball Offered in Adult Education

MILLBURY - Millbury Adult Education's Women's Volleyball class will begin its second semester on Monday, January 8, 1990. Any woman interested in joining may register by sending a $25.00 check to: Millbury Adult Education, c/o Robert Sullivan, Elmwood Street School, Millbury, MA 01527.

A Wednesday night class will also be offered for men for the first time. Anyone interested in joining may contact Robert Sullivan at the Elmwood Street School at 865-5241.

All classes will run for 10 weeks.

Worcester Girls Club Events

WORCESTER - The Worcester Girls Club gymnastics team will hold a meet on Thursday, December 21, from 6:00-8:30 p.m. at Winthrop House, 125 Providence Street. This event is free and open to the public.

"Holidays Around the World" will be theme of the holiday party for girl members at Winthrop House on Friday, December 22, from 4-5 p.m. There is no charge.

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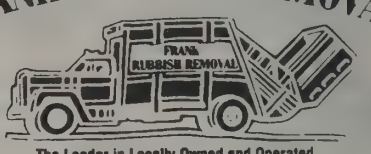

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The Chairman of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee, Peter Boria, said a list of items concerning contracts and negotiations would be discussed. He requested executive session.

Cristo asked if specific potential negotiation positions or areas of contract were to be addressed. Boria said that he thought the discussions might get into points the ad hoc committee would discuss to determine the board's position.

Cristo asked if by staying in open session it would give away what the position would be.

Boria replied, "I personally believe it would."

Cristo asked for a motion to move to executive session under Chapter 39, Section 3, to discuss negotiations around the solid waste agreement which could have an impact on the town's bargaining position.

Gauthier moved and Lachance seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the board voted 5-0 to move to executive session.

Notice

MILLBURY - Due to the holiday season, the Millbury Board of Selectmen will not hold its regularly scheduled meeting on December 26, 1989.

Kollios Supports Additional Cuts

BOSTON - Representative Paul Kollios (D-Millbury) recently supported legislation which would reduce the present state deficit by over $300 million.

Major reductions approved in this plan include the following:

- A mandate that the administration reduce the state's work force as of January 31, 1990 by 5,000 employees.
- A cut in the number of press agents and legislative liaisons in state agencies.
- An additional 15% cut in "03" consultants (already down from $350 million in 1986 to $105 million in 1990).
- A roll back on the hiring of new personnel in all authorities.
- A cut of $100,000 from the Lieutenant Governor's office.
- A cut of $200,000 from the Legislative Post Audit Committee.
- A cut of $232,000 from the Legislative Service Bureau.
- A requirement that Massport pay back $30 million in prior loans.
- A requirement that Massport assume payment of $685,000 for the International Trade Council.
- A cut of $736,000 in the state vehicle account.

Kollios also supported language in the bill to save local programs and funding:

- To decrease lottery winnings by 4% and shift the resulting $30 million to local communities through increased lottery returns.
- To prevent the closure of Rutland Heights Hospital or any other publicly funded hospital without legislative approval.
- To stop the closure of the West Boylston Regional Education Center.
- To lift the state cap on police career incentive salary increases (Quinn Bill), thereby lowering the town's contribution.

The bill was approved by the House of Representatives and is presently awaiting action in the Senate.

"I hope this measure is approved by the Senate," Kollios said. "We must continue to look for additional cuts to reduce this huge deficit."

Thank You...

The Millbury Lioness Club wishes to thank all who contributed to the great success and fun night of the 50-60's dance held November 17th.

Also, congratulations to Ann Faulkner of Worcester on winning the 25" color television.

Thanks to all!

Millbury Lioness Club

Board of Health Votes Fee Schedule

MILLBURY - At their meeting of November 28, the Millbury Board of Health voted the following fee schedule for permits and licenses issued by their department:

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1990

$25.00 - Disposal Works Construction Permit
$25.00 - Funeral Director License
$25.00 - Disposal Works Installer License
$50.00 - Percolation Permit
$100.00 - Rubbish Hauler Permit (per vehicle)
$25.00 - Septic Hauler Permit

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1990

$15.00 - Dump Sticker for 1st vehicle
$5.00 - Dump Sticker for each additional vehicle

EFFECTIVE MARCH 15, 1990

$25.00 - Food Establishment Permit
$25.00 - Catering Permit

Assumption School News

By Grace Laflash

At Old Sturbridge Village, Sandra Neargaard's fourth grade engaged in activities which enabled the students to experience life in the 1830's.

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. . . by Joe Morin

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WHAT I wouldn't have given to be present when the Berlin Wall came a tumblin' down; to be in Rome when Gorbachev visited the Holy Father; when the good people of Lithuania scattered into the village squares and fields to uncover and raise and unearth those crosses crushed and buried by the Stalinists way back when; to see the Mass celebrated in churches which were kept closed for over 40 years; to see the people, eyes moistened, be able to walk, talk and participate, we hope finally, in freedom...

A man pointed to a cross and made the statement to the effect that: "This (cross) kept us going." This is our faith, without it we would have nothing....Was there any doubt in anybody's mind that denial of God, denial of a Supreme Being on the part of Lenin and Stalin would be accepted by the people?

Their faith was made stronger by the suffering, persecution. Churches are opening, seminaries are being opened. People are astounded....

Freedom to speak, to worship, to gather, and maybe a chance to vote again! Unbelievable! Unheard of! Faith can move mountains. It certainly has!

To all in Hungary, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Rumania, East Berlin, Lithuania, and Russia striving for Peace and Freedom, we wish that All the Peace, Happiness, Joy of the Holy One Be With You Always. You kept your faith in Him; how much more He must love you all...Merry Christmas!

And who among you still does not believe in miracles?

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A PIECE of the Rock! - We speak of the Berlin Wall of which parts have been shipped all over the world for profit, souvenirs.

Tons of it have already landed in the states, waiting to be mailed out to souvenir hunters. You'll never know for sure if it's authentic or came from the local quarry, so be on guard. Now they say that this piece of the rock can be dangerous to your health. So watch it! Asbestos, you know.

There's always someone around finding a way to make a fast buck! Ya gotta give 'em credit though. I thought of it, but how in the heck could I have a ton of the wall sent to Millbury. Imagine the paperwork involved!

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***WHILE** we're on the subject of warnings, be careful not to cover your VCR at night while the unit is left on; could cause a serious fire. Unplug the VCR first....*

***COME HOLY** Ghost! Or it the "Iceman Cometh!" Nuns in a convent in Rome were startled when a block of green ice shattered one of their windows. Authorities said it appeared the ice may have fallen from an airplane. Green ice? Ya never know!*

***READ** where five senators are in waist high doo-doo for receiving contributions (which are questionable) from the Lincoln Savings & Loan outfit. Not only did Lincoln free the slaves, but he also may have owned five US senators - (M. Russell). **CONGRESS** did all of us a favor when it adjourned. We can't take it anymore. Can't give up! Have to make do with what we have until something better comes along!*

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GOTTA tell you this one! A youngster was watching his mother applying make-up and asked her this question: "Why do you put that stuff on your face for!" "To make me look pretty," said the mom. After a long inspecting gaze, the youngster responded seriously, "Then why don't it work?" (Ouch!)

"BASKETBALL," says Johnny Most, "is just a children's game being played by adults who are fortunate enough to make a good living at it."

"SALE ON MICROWAVES" said the sign, from $179 to $149. Just what I wanted. Picked it up, put it in the carriage, checked out. No way! "This item is not on sale," the clerk says. "You wanna bet," I said! Went for the sign indicating the sale but the sign was removed! The skunks!

THEY TRIED to pull a fast one on me. "Where's the manager," I yelled out! "I've been cheated." He came over, I did my speech, the poor little girl who hid the sale sign on me took off like a bullet. For shame! I got it for $149. Why not! Ya gotta be on your toes out there. It's a cruel world! Ha-ha!

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ON THE WAGON....A liquor store owner took a stand against drinking by selling the contents of her shop recently in a benefit for charity. She auctioned the contents with the stipulation that all the contents be emptied into a river. The next hymn to be sung was, "Shall We Gather by the River!" Show me the way to go home...hic!

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You Ain't Heard Nothing Yet!

How about this one..."What a turkey," said former Mass. Rep. Hastings Keith, a retired politician who's campaigning to persuade Congress to STOP giving him any more cost of living retirement increases.

At 74, Keith says he has TROUBLE spending the $86,000 a year he's earning in pension benefits. He doesn't know what he will do with the additional $4,000 they're giving him through the cost of living pension increase.

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JUST a thought! - Say that the following would be appearing at the Centrum within the following weeks, which one would attract the most teenagers? - Hulk Hogan, The Incredible Hulk, The Rolling Stones, The Beatles, reunited, or Jesus of Nazareth? Who would have standing room only?

SOMETHING else I missed!...The Red Army, the Russian choral and dance group appeared recently in Boston. The reviews were just great. The American and Russian flags served as backdrops. Songs were sung from Porgy and Bess, and what was most electrifying and beautiful was the Soviet Army Chorus, at the closing, singing "God Bless America!" Now, why isn't that on video tape for all to see and experience?

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A School Bus Driver's Prayer

Please Lord, watch over me this day. Please help me remember to watch all five mirrors, two dozen windows, eight gauges, six warning lights, six dozen faces, three lanes of traffic, and to keep a third eye open for warbling bicycles and day dreaming pedestrians, especially teenagers wearing headsets who are in another world...please, Lord help me hear all train whistles, truck and auto horns, police sirens and the two-way radio...Please, Lord, give me a hand for the gear lever, the steering wheel, the route book, the radio microphone and the turn signal lever....

And Lord, please grant me the self control to keep my hands away from Johnny's neck, please don't let Mary be sick all over the bus. Lord please watch over us all so that we can do it again next year, Amen!

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BE ON GUARD and watch what you say on those space phones, you know, the portable jobs. Your conversation can be picked up through radio frequencies. So, if you have something to say about your relatives, friends and neighbors, be sure it's a nice word, nothing derogatory! Good grief! I like that word, will have to use it more often....

Another phone item out. A unit that will display on your phone the number of the party calling you. If you have an unlisted number, it ain't no more! - Ha-ha!

DISCO BABIES - premature babies breathe easier to the disco beat, a Dutch doctor claims. Good grief! All that noise and clamoring at such a young age. Enough to drive a baby to drink...God love 'em....

OH! MY ACHIN' BACK! - The most massive single issue of a newspaper was the NY Times, Sunday, October 17, 1965. It had 15 sections with a total of 946 pages! Each copy weighed in at 7.5 pounds. There must have been an unusual amount of hernias reported that year....

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BITS 'N PIECES...did you know that more than one in five college men use snuff or chewing tobacco? S'nuff said!

CRUISING down by Route 20, we noticed a most unusual site this day and age. There was a car dealership, fenced in with cyclone fence, topped by barbed wire. Unusual, to say the least. It certainly wasn't a Christmas garland. How about that?

REDD FOXX, the former TV showman, is in dutch with the IRS. Seems they are taking away some of his cars in the driveway; he's got about 7 or 8 there presently. He said if he knew the Feds were a comin' he would have sent out a help request to some of his entertainment buddies to get him out of his predicament. Sorry Redd! You have to pay taxes just like the rest of us. Smarten' up!

SHAKE! RATTLE and Roll! Have you spotted those plastic rock 'n roll plants that dance and wiggle to any sound emanating from a radio source? Going for $19 in some places; other stores you can pick 'em up for 9 bucks, if you've a mind to....**HAVE** you noticed that "swimmin' hole" at the intersection of Route 20 and Massasoit Road? Good grief! What a dangerous spot to wander in if you had one too many! Bet you'd sober up quick, though!

FOOTBALL could be a killerr! Yupp! Watching football games has contributed to the death, one way or the other, of over 200 guys; either by heart attacks or eating too much! Ya never know, do you!

NO WONDER kids have trouble falling asleep at night. What with the proliferation of weird video tapes on the market today, the kids go to sleep with their lights lit, afraid of Jason and the Halloween scare!

WONDER HOW that bill is progressing in Boston to ban assault rifles, anti tank weapons, bazookas, machine guns, and hand grenades. Wouldn't want them to get in the hands of the wrong people now, would we!

YOU KNOW you're getting old when you need a fire permit to light all the candles on your cake.

DEAR MASTER, *take me by the hand and guide me through this day; the path ahead is rough, oh Lord, and painful is the way - Dear Master, take me by the hand, and fill me with Thy peace; uplift my heart and soul, oh Lord, that I may find release - Dear Master, take me by the hand, and give me strength to cope; protect me from the cares of life, and bless me with new hope - Dear Master, take me by the hand, and keep me close to Thee; release me from all doubt and fear, and set my spirit free!*

TO ALL our friends in the Millbury, Sutton, Manchaug areas, we wish you a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Prosperous New Year!

May we all experience a beautiful, meaningful Christmas, a New Year filled with new Hope, new Friends, and Good Health....Let us remember all those good people wherever they may be, struggling for freedom and the chance to practice their faith and to be treated like human beings, and offer up a prayer to the Christmas Babe that He will lead them and guide them!

Joyeux Noel a tous! Your Pal,

Joe Morin

Merry Christmas to All!

Matthew Gardner to Receive Superintendent's Award

MILLBURY - Dr. Alfred J. Sylvia, Superintendent of the Millbury Public Schools, has announced the selection of Matthew Gardner for the Superintendent's Award for Academic Excellence. The award will be given by superintendents throughout Central Massachusetts to honor their top academic students at a luncheon at an area college on January 9th.

Matthew is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Gardner of 113 Millbury Avenue. He is ranked second in the Senior Class and has been enrolled in college preparatory curriculum and in a number of honors courses. He is a member of the Honor Society and has maintained a very high academic average throughout his high school years. Matthew plans on attending college and will be pursuing an English course of study.

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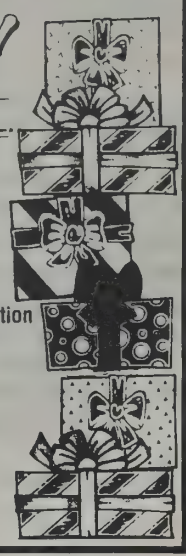

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'Different Strokes' Rolls '504'

For the second time, a team rolled over "500" in the Women's Bowling League. "Different Strokes" rolled a 504 in the last string. (Not such a rarity in the League any more!)

The High Triple was rolled by Pat Gaspar, a 342 with strings of 125-90-117. Second High, a 333, was rolled by Charlotte Gabree with strings of 84-106-143. Gail Higginbottom rolled Third High with a 298, strings of 92-84-122. Charlotte Gabree rolled a super 143 for the High Single.

This week, ten rolled "100 and over:" Charlotte Gabree, 143-106; Pat Gaspar, 125-117; Gail Higginbottom, 122; Celia Hartigan (sub), 119; Kathy Marble, 111; Ellie Sulham, 111; Becky Rushton, 106; Debby Boire, 103; Ann Kach, 103; and Marion Hamilton, 102. Last week, Kathy Marble's 102 string was omitted from the "100 and over" list.

Team Standings	Won	Lost
Wiseguys	60	44
Different Strokes	53	51
Dynasty	53	51
Cheers	51	53
High Rollers	49	55
M.A.S.H.	46	58

High Average
Pat Gaspar - 104.2
Charlotte Gabree - 98.5
Gail Higginbottom - 95.9

High Triple
Charlotte Gabree - 355
Pat Gaspar - 342
Becky Rushton - 320

High Single
Charlotte Gabree - 143
Pat Gaspar - 131
Irma Healy - 126

Top Ten Bowlers
Pat Gaspar - 104.2
Charlotte Gabree - 98.5
Gail Higginbottom - 95.9
Becky Rushton - 95.1
Ann Coons - 94.3
Kathy Marble - 94.3
Ellen Bouvier - 91.4
Mary Jo Boire - 91.3
Marge McArdle - 90.8
Debby Boire - 90.6

Retired Teachers Sought by Peace Corps

BOSTON - The Massachusetts Department of Education and the United States Peace Corps have initiated a joint effort to respond to an urgent need for experienced teachers to work as teacher educators in the developing nations of Africa, Asia, Latin American, and the Caribbean.

On December 7, a letter signed by Harold Raynolds Jr., commissioner of the Department of Education; John E. Kearney, Teachers' Retirement Board chair; James F. Crain, chairman of the Board of Education; and Paul D. Coverdell, director of the United States Peace Corps was mailed to 15,000 retired teachers throughout the state.

Negotiations for this joint project began in November, 1988 as part of a Peace Corps initiative to identify experienced teachers and the Massachusetts Teacher's Retirement Board's interest in providing professional challenges and opportunities for its membership.

"The State Board of Education and I wholeheartedly endorse this collaborative effort to enlist the efforts of our retired teaching force to once again offer their enormous talents as educators, this time to the developing countries of the world," Said Commissioner Raynolds.

"Education has been a key component of Peace Corps service overseas for three decades and retired teachers make excellent volunteers because they offer a lifetime of experience," Peace Corps Director Coverdell said. "Age is respected in host countries where they are assigned. Because we have no upper age limit, the Peace Corps is an avenue to rehirement rather than retirement."

Peace Corps is not new to Massachusetts teachers. Bonita M. Bryant, a retired mathematics teacher currently living in Framingham, will be leaving on February 8 to serve as a Peace Corps teacher trainer in the Philippines. At age 72, Bryant hopes that her experience will fill a need. "As a simple person after years of home responsibilities," Bryant said, "I thought I could participate in a learning and sharing experience. I have always been interested and enthusiastic about my field of concentration, and look forward to working with others."

Historically, one third of Peace Corps Volunteers are teachers, but the unparalleled population growth in the developing world has made teacher preparation one of the most important tasks facing national governments.

In response to this need, Peace Corps is shifting its program focus from individual classroom instruction to teacher education. Working with Ministries of Education, Peace Corps and volunteer teacher trainers will develop instructional materials and methodologies, identify local resources, and help host country teachers improve their skills.

Retired teachers responding to the mailing will be invited to submit an application for service with the Peace Corps. Because the application process takes from three to six months (and up to a year for married couples), volunteers responding to this initiative will probably not begin service before summer, 1990. Those invited to serve with Peace Corps will have at least five years classroom experience and must meet basic legal and medical criteria. Peace Corps volunteers' cost of living allowance and the $200 per month readjustment allowance they receive for each month served usually do not affect Social Security or teacher retirement benefits.

Retired and experienced teachers interested in learning more about overseas opportunities may contact the Boston Peace Corps Office, 10 Causeway Street, Room 450, Boston, 05555 or call (collect) 617-565-5555 (ext. 4550).

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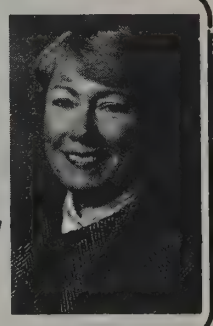

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Hanratty proceeded with the meeting, stating that there were three major incidents. "We do not really want to terminate your contract based upon the present fiscal restraint," Hanratty said. "My feeling is, we want to help you solve the problems that you have; assist you in interviewing applicants or checking credentials." He also said that he was sure the police department would be willing to offer Lola assistance.

"The first incident," Hanratty stated, "concerned the hiring of a driver of having questionable character not having passed a School Bus Driver's License at the registry," Hanratty said. "The second incident, I believe one of your employees was showing a new employee driver the routes. He got very upset with the children and told them to sit down, using profanity, and to be quiet."

"That's not true," Lola replied, stating that the driver never swore.

Hanratty noted that he didn't say a driver had used profanity, but an employee, who he believed was a mechanic.

Lola asked what proof was available that the incident occurred. "Was the police department there," he asked, adding, "It never happened."

"Are you denying that the employee ever swore," Hanratty asked.

"The person is no longer employed," Lola replied.

Hanratty repeated his question. Lola replied that the person denies it and said the bus driver also said the individual never swore. "He is starting legal action for losing his job," Lola said.

Stokowski asked Officer Richards to speak to the issue. Richards explained that he and Sergeant Perry spoke with the employee and the bus driver. "The bus driver stated that he (the employee) did use foul language, and the employee also admitted he had used foul language and probably shouldn't have."

Lola alleged that verbal threats may have been used to intimidate the individuals.

"I and Mrs. Pierce spoke to the driver," Sylvia said. "and reports from the principals who talked to youngsters give me every reason to believe profanity was spoken on the bus. It was not a driver but an employee showing a driver routes. I spoke to Mr. Lola about it. Mrs. Pierce was involved in the school investigation. I spoke to Officer Richards and Sergeant Perry. Information I received indicated profanity was used."

Sylvia said he made it clear to Lola that he didn't want to see any individuals on a school bus using profanity. He also said that he wanted people who would be working with children to be of good moral character and be able to relate to children.

Sylvia went on to say that Lola had worked with dispatch on any problems he had brought before him in the past. He also noted that he had told Lola he had made "gross errors" in the way he hires and investigates his applicants. "I'm not pleased with the incidents," Sylvia said.

Pierce, who works with transportation issues on a daily basis, said that a mutual plan has been developed with Lola, which includes an application form for all school bus drivers. According to Pierce, the application will include a request for information pertaining to the moral character of the applicant. "John will interview," she said, "and the applicant will sign an authorization for a Criminal History Records Check. If they don't sign, they won't be a candidate. John understands that a driver will not be used until we get back the information," she said.

"It is in effect immediately and probably should have been done sooner," Lola said.

Pojani asked Lola how he checked on the training and driving record of his drivers. Lola replied that at one time the police department could check. "Now the school can," he said. "I try to get the best records I can."

Pojani again asked how an applicant's background or driving record is checked.

Lola referred to problems that developed last July and August when he lost three drivers, thereby leaving him short.

"That's your responsibility," Pojani replied.

Lola went on to say that when bus licenses are scheduled for renewal, a license check is done in addition to classroom and road work. "This is all done under a driving school with a certified bus license inspector," he said.

Pojani asked if a background check is also done. Lola replied, "Yes."

Pojani asked Lola if he had done his homework on current drivers. Lola replied, "all are up to date." He noted that there are ten routes with 14 drivers to cover them. He also said there are three new drivers coming in.

Marble asked if it was a fact that any prospective drivers would not drive until they have a license and have gone through all the checks. "It's in the contract now," he said.

Marble said he was aware of the problems with losing two or three drivers, "but that happened three or four months ago," he said. He then asked Lola what the problem was in getting new drivers.

"No grown adult has to take the abuse," Lola replied. He suggested that the committee ride on one of the buses. "Ride one. Sit down and take a tour and see what goes on in a school bus."

Marble then asked if any driver was being used that was unlicensed. "Two of them," Lola replied. "One has a Class I (license), the other has a Class II, and have been used one or two afternoons. The papers (for the licensing) are in Boston now."

Marble asked if any were used under the three day emergency clause. Lola replied that he was not running anyone for three days.

MGL Chapter 90 Section 7B states that "in case of an emergency" a school bus may, for a period not to exceed three consecutive days, be operated by any person age 21 or over who is duly licensed by the registrar to operate a motor vehicle.

"Just because you don't have enough drivers," Pojani said, "under the law that would not be an emergency."

"Are you going to let the kids walk home?" Lola asked.

"That's your responsibility," Pojani said. "You provide a service. We are paying you for that."

Pease asked Lola for a clarification, noting that two drivers were expecting to get bus driver's licenses. He asked if they were used only one or two days and not used under the three day emergency law.

Lola said they are used one or two afternoons and he was not using anyone under the three day emergency law.

Marble said that even though he (Lola) may constitute (an insufficient number of drivers) as a hardship, "no one drives a bus without a license." He then suggested that licensed substitutes be on call.

Lola replied that he didn't think they could be on year round as most would seek full time work.

Hanratty referred to a third issue which he considered "more serious." He alleged that Lola had willingly used an unlicensed driver over three days. "It is inexcusable to allow a driver and you to break the law," he said. "We have to look seriously at terminating the contract. You leave us not much choice."

Officer Richards then added, ""The bottom line is the safety of the kids."

Stokowski said that there was no intent to create a hardship for Lola, but recommended that strict guidelines be in place.

Marble suggested that the committee take a stand that no one gets on a bus to drive who doesn't have a school bus driver's license.

Stokowski said he hoped the school committee would tighten up operations so there would be no doubt about the procedures for the busing of children in the Town of Millbury.

Lola explained that his drivers are currently under the renewal process for licenses for next year. According to Lola, all the papers are in Boston waiting approval for testing by the registry. He noted that it usually is a long process. Renewals are done only once a year for January 1, by the Department of Public Utilities, according to Lola. "The state is holding them up," he said.

Pojani said that the two drivers who are awaiting their papers should not be allowed to drive.

Lola replied that the School Committee may not have to terminate the contract. "Maybe I will let it go," he said.

"You have to provide kids a ride home," Hanratty said. "We are bound by law to bring them home. If he (Lola) falls down, it's our responsibility to get them home."

Pojani moved that no one be allowed to drive a school bus unless they are in possession of either a School Bus Driver's License or a Department of Public Utilities License. "We should hold to the letter of the contract," she said.

The committee approved the motion on a 4-0 vote.

A question was then raised over what would be done if Lola has a problem with staffing. Pierce said that runs could be doubled up, and Sylvia suggested that the youngsters could wait a half hour.

Pierce also said that a staff person, who is licensed, could step in as long as it didn't interfere with the after session bus run he drives.

Nature Trails

In other business, Sylvia introduced Middle School Team Leader Richard Luikey, who is working under a $15,000 grant from the SPIRE Corporation to develop an outdoor science program involving nature trails. SPIRE Corporation has proposed the development of a mall along Rte. 146 which would be adjacent to school properties.

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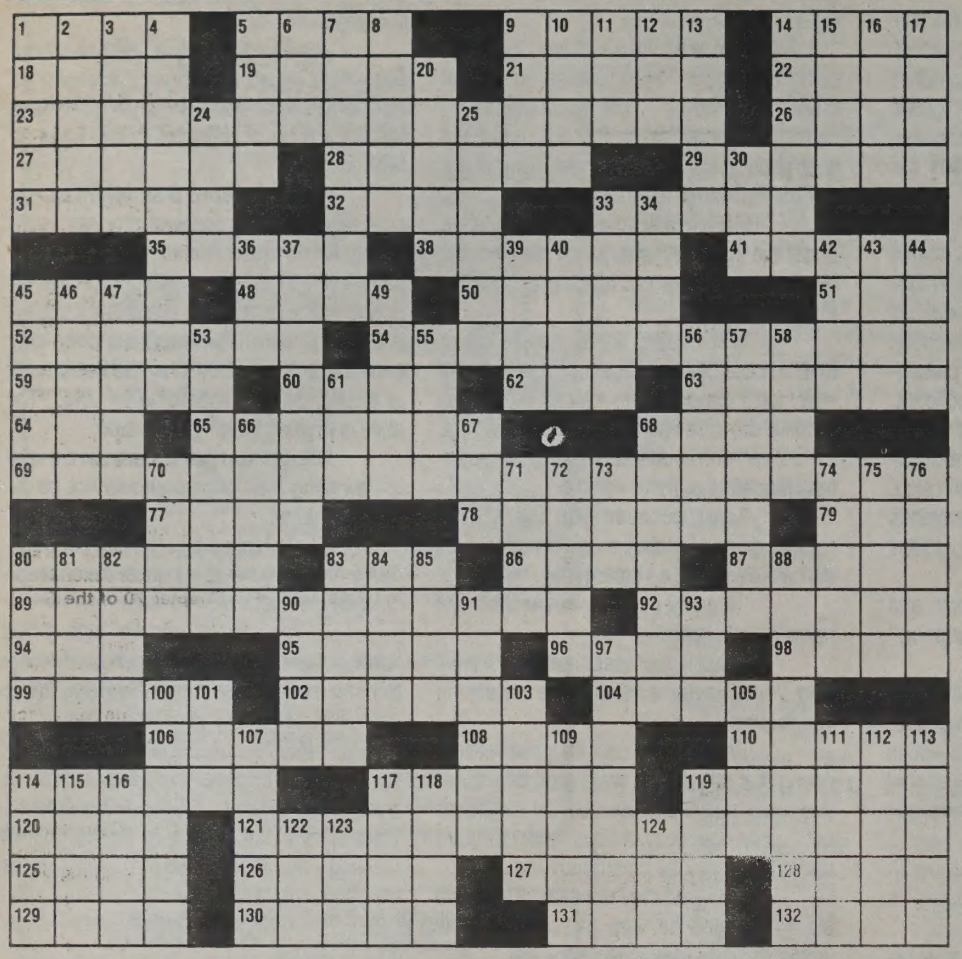

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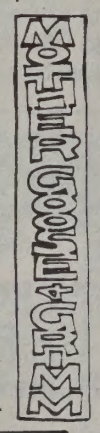

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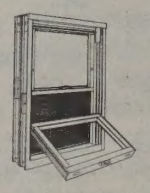

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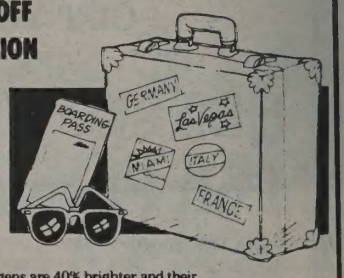

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TENNESSEE GAS PIPELINE COMPANY

Petition of Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, requesting authority from the Department of Public Utilities, pursuant to Chapter 164, Section 75C for the right to exercise the power of eminent domain under Chapter 70 of the G.L. for the right to take by eminent domain such rights of way, permanent easements, temporary easements or such other interests in land or other property necessary for the construction, maintenance, alteration and/or removal of natural gas transmission pipeline, appliances, appurtenances and other equipment situated in the Towns of Sutton and Oxford in the County of Worcester.

D.P.U. 89-234

Petition of Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, requesting authority from the Department of Public Utilities, pursuant to Chapter 164, Section 75C for the right to exercise the power of eminent domain under Chapter 70 of the G.L. for the right to take by eminent domain such rights of way, permanent easements, temporary easements or such other interests to land or other property necessary for the construction, operation, maintenance, alteration and/or removal of natural gas transmission pipeline appliances, appurtenances and other equipment situated in the Towns of Sutton, Uxbridge, Northbridge and Douglas in the County of Worcester.

Upon the foregoing petitions, the Department of Public Utilities will conduct public hearings on Thursday, December 28, 1989 at 7:30 (89-225) and at 8:30 (89-234) at Sutton Town Hall, Large C.O.A. Room, 4 Uxbridge Road, Sutton, Massachusetts.

The Petitioner, Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, is required to give notice of said hearings by publication twice hereof, once at least fourteen (14) days and once at least seven (7) days in the Millbury Sutton Chronicle and the Blackstone Valley Tribune, and to post such notice in a conspicuous place in the city or town hall for a period of not less than fourteen (14) days before the day of such hearing; to serve a copy hereof by registered mail at least fourteen (14) days prior to said date on the Chairmen of the Boards of Selectmen, the Town Clerks and the Chairmen of the Planning Boards of the Towns of Sutton, Uxbridge, Northbridge, Douglas and Oxford, and on all persons owning real estate abutting the lands hereinabove referred to, as determined by the last preceding assessment for taxation, on all persons across a public way therefrom and on all persons within 300 feet thereof, and to make return of service and publication at the time of the hearing.

By Order of the Department,
Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary

DEADLINE

The deadline for all submissions to the Millbury-Sutton Chronicle is noon on Saturday of the week prior to publication.

Church Listings

OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION, MILLBURY: Reverend Monsignor Mederic J. Roberts, Pastor; Reverend Robert Spellman, Associate Pastor - Weekday Masses: 7:30 a.m.; Saturday Mass: 4:00 p.m.; Sunday Masses: 8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.; Confessions: Saturday from 3:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

ST. BRIGID'S - MILLBURY: Rev. Thomas J. Markey, Pastor; Rev. Laurence V. Brault, Associate Pastor - Weekday Masses: 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.; Saturday Masses: 4:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.; Sunday Masses: 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.; Confessions: Saturday from 11:30 a.m. to noon, and from 3:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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ST. MARK'S - SUTTON: Rev. Thomas V. Walsh, Pastor - Weekday Masses: 9:00 a.m.; Saturday Masses: 5:00 p.m.; Sunday Masses: 8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Confessions: Saturday 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.; Prayer Meeting: Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL, MILLBURY, Telephone - 865-9737: Rev. Bruce MacLeod, Interim Minister - Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m. - Church School 9:00 a.m.; Mondays 7:00 p.m., Diet Workshop; Deacons - First Thursday; Executive Board - Second Monday; Millbury Woman's Club - First Monday at noon.

MILLBURY FEDERATED CHURCH - United Church of Christ, United Methodist Church - Rev. Charles Mansfield, Interim Pastor - Sundays: 10:00 a.m., Worship and Childcare; 10:15 a.m., Church School; 11:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship

FIRST BAPTIST, WEST SUTTON: The Rev. John Olson - Sunday Morning Worship at 9:30 a.m. followed by Coffee Time at 10:30 a.m.; 3rd Tuesday of each month - Women's Association meetings.

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ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL, Main St., Wilkinsonville: Rev. Walter E. Reynolds; Saturday, 5:30 p.m. - Holy Communion; Sunday, 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion - 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion (1st-3rd-5th Sunday); Morning Prayer on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. Church School - Pre-School - Grade 8

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THE VILLAGE BIBLE CHURCH, meeting in the Raymond Memorial Church, Raymond Street, East Millbury: Pastor, Rev. Bruce Buchanan; Sunday Services at 11:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Sunday School, 5:30 p.m.; Wednesday night prayer meeting and Bible study, 7:00 p.m.

SUTTON FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH: Rev. Andrew J. Bierkan, Pastor - SUNDAYS: 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship & Church School in the Meetinghouse. Crib Room Nursery, Kindergarten, Grades 1-8 at 10:00 a.m.; Jr. P.F. twice a month; Sr. P.F. 7-9 p.m. PROGRAMS: Thursday Morning Bible Study at 10:00 a.m.; 2nd Thursday, Women's Fellowship of Sutton luncheon/program/meeting at noon. MONTHLY PUBLIC SUPPERS, 1st Saturdays, 5-7 p.m. MONTHLY PUBLIC LUNCHEONS: 3rd Wednesdays - noon to 1:00 p.m. April-Nov. Church School stops after June 10, Children's Day.

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH, 70 South Main St., Oxford. Pastor, Rev. Steven Goetsch. Saturday services at 5:00 p.m. Sunday services at 10:00 a.m. (July & August 9:00 a..m.) Sunday School at 8:45 a.m. Holy Communion at all services.

SCHOOL from Page 17

Luikey gave a short slide presentation, developed in cooperation with the Massachusetts Audubon Society, on Wachusett Meadows Sanctuary at the base of Mount Wachusett.

Luikey explained that an area from the Elmwood Street School to Rte. 146 is a wetland, and said trails are being proposed through the marshy wetland area. His slide presentation showed the Audubon Society's work of installing wooden walkways on cement flat piers that crisscross the Wachusett Meadow Sanctuary as a possible model for the nature project at Elmwood Street. The walk areas covered approximately 2,500 feet at a cost of $30,000.

A second phase, to be developed along with marking the trails, incorporates and correlates with activities and lessons going on presently in the classrooms, including rock, mineral, and tree identification. Classes are also involved in a nature trail already in use.

Luikey closed his presentation by noting that Ray's True Value provides the schools with seed packets which are used in the solar greenhouse at the Middle School. He also said that a goldfish aquarium has been constructed in the solar greenhouse.

Committee member Jane Pojani asked when the project would begin. Luikey replied that no date has been set as he has to present his proposal to Spire Corporation by June. He said there were no guarantees from Spire, but they have shown an interest.

Informational Items

Sylvia briefly went through several Informational Items:

- Staff meetings were held, and concerns surrounding the 1990-91 budget were discussed. Letters to legislators concerning the financial crisis also were suggested.
- Matt Gardner has been selected to receive the Superintendent's Award for Academic Excellence.
- High School yearbooks are available for $20.
- Teachers of the Year will be honored by the V.F.W. on January 20th.

Mid Terms

According to Curriculum Coordinator Dr. David Troughton, mid term exams will count for 20% of the student's grade and will be listed on student report cards. A final exam will also be given at the end of the year.

Restructuring Grades 3 &7

Sylvia said that options for restructuring grades at the High School and Middle School will be considered at a future time. He made reference to options for moving grade 7 to the high school and grade 3 to the middle school.

Support Grant

Troughton reported that Millbury was one of three school systems receiving support grants for providing pre-referral services to children who might come under Special Education Services. The object, according to Troughton, is to improve children's attitudes towards learning and behavior so as to reduce pre-referrals to Special Ed.

Nursery Program

Sylvia reported that Mrs. Stepien and Mrs. Banks presented a nursery program at the MASC Area IV meeting. He said he was thoroughly impressed with their efforts.

Educational Improvement Plan

Troughton reported that the 1989-90 Educational Improvement Plan included curriculum goals for improvements in the area of spelling. Other goals include areas of writing, geometry, and math.

Monitoring of the Writing lab, Collins Writing Program, and the McMillan Science Series also will be conducted.

Improvement Council

A request to approve the Middle School Improvement Council funding for intra-mural sports was approved on a 4-0 vote.

Chapter I Teacher

The committee unanimously approved Sylvia's recommendation of Patricia Cooney as a Chapter I teacher. Sylvia said there was one other qualified candidate but the candidate was not available until after the first of the year. Cooney has been working in the position since November 20th.

Tick-Tock

Pojani reported that the clock used at basketball games is not working, and should have been checked prior to the season. "It's a matter of carelessness," she said. Tom Hamilton will be asked to check on the clock.

Heating

Marble said he had received calls concerning uneven heating throughout the high school. Sylvia said that the south facing side can heat up while the north side may not have a lot of heat. Marble said he heard that some rooms were very cold.

Hanratty said the policy was to keep the thermostats at 65, except for the kindergarten and 1st grades.

Late Entry

Pease asked that Sylvia look into a situation where students are being allowed to enter dances at the High School after 9:00 p.m. which, according to policy, is not allowed. He said the message he was getting was that kids could be doing things before showing up that could cause some problems. Sylvia said he would check on it.

At 9:25 the committee moved to executive session to discuss salaries yet to be negotiated.

Watch for Santa!!!

MILLBURY - On December 16, Engine Company #5 of the Millbury Fire Department will transport Santa Claus through the Dorothy Pond area, beginning at 5:00 p.m.

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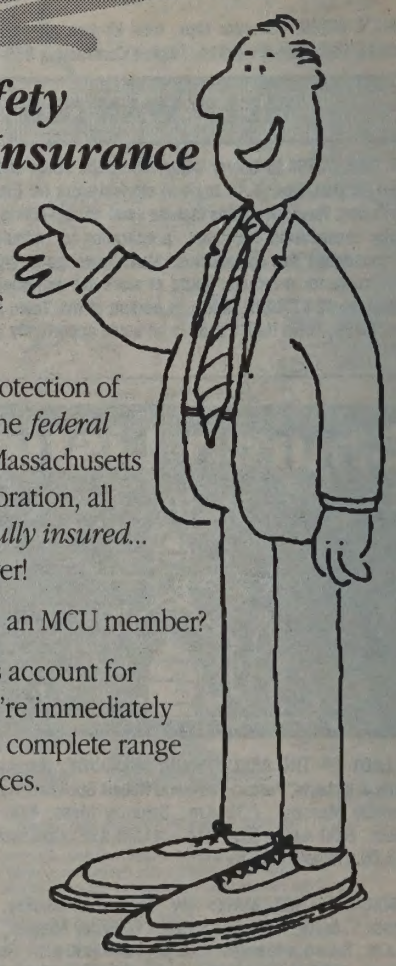

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